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E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: OVIP (ROGERS, WILLIAM P.)

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 10

### 1. THAILAND ASKS ABOUT US INTENTIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME MINISTER, THAI DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI ASKED OUR DCM IN BANGKOK JULY 18 TO RELAY TO WASHINGTON THE FOLLOWING THREE QUERIES ABOUT US POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: WHAT ARE US INTENTIONS REGARDING CAMBODIA AFTER AUGUST 15? WHAT ARE US INTENTIONS REGARDING THE FUTURE USE OF AIR BASES IN THAILAND? WHAT ARE US PLANS FOR REEQUIPPING THE THAI ARMED FORCES. AMBASSADOR UNGER OBSERVES THE THAI ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SECURITY, AND THEIR CONCERN WILL INCREASE SHOULD THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA DETERIORATE OR SHOULD SIHANOUK RETURN TO POWER. THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES WE SHOULD GO AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO BRIEF THE THAI ON US PLANS AND THAT WE SHOULD TAKE A HARD LOOK AT WHAT WE MIGHT DO TO ASSIST THE THAI WITH MILITARY AID. (SECRET) BANGKOK 11025, 7/18 (EXDIS).

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### 2. MINE CLEARING COMPLETED

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JCS DIRECTED THE COMMANDER OF THE  
MINE CLEARING TASK FORCE TO INFORM THE APPROPRIATE  
NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL THAT THE US MINE CLEARING

OPERATIONS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT THE MINE  
CLEARANCE FORCES WOULD DEPART NORTH VIETNAMESE WATERS  
AT SUNSET JULY 18. THE NMCC HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE  
LAST SHIP OF THE MINE CLEARING TASK FORCE LEFT  
NORTH VIETNAMESE WATERS AT 0914 EDT JULY 18.  
(SECRET) JCS 180302 JUL (EXDIS), NMCC-OPERATIONS  
CENTER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, 7/18.

3. SOVIETS EXPRESS INTEREST IN COOPERATION ON UN ISSUES

SOVIET DEPUTY PERMANENT UN REPRESENTATIVE ISSRAELYAN,  
WHO IS SLATED FOR A POSITION IN MOSCOW ROUGHLY EQUIVAL-  
ENT TO THAT OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR IO, CALLED  
ON ASSISTANT SE(RETARY POPPER JULY 13 FOR A REVIEW  
OF UN ISSUES. POPPER AND ISSRAELYAN AGREED THAT USUN  
AND THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UN WHOULD BE ABLE TO  
WORK TOGETHER MORE CLOSELY IN THE NEW ERA OF GOOD  
FEELING FOLLOWING THE BREZHNEV VISIT. THEY AGREED  
TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF REFERRING IN A UNGA  
RESOLUTION TO THE IMPROVED PROSPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION GENERALLY. POPPER AND ISSRAELYAN ALSO  
AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT PERIODIC US-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS  
OF UN ISSUES WOULD BE HELPFUL (?ONFIDENTIAL)  
STATE 140161, 7/17.

4. THERE WILL BE NO CODEWORD SUPPLEMENT. RUSH

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